

MINUTES
ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF THE

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Yellow Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH,

October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1891.

OFFICERS:

ELD. N. J. DYER, Moderator.	Cane, Alabama.
E. B. GUIN, Clerk,	Wayside, "
ELD. S. M. WALDROP, Corresp'g Secretary,	Vernon, "

The next session to be held with Zion Baptist Church, Marion County, Ala.,
commencing on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1892.

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MINUTES.

The Yellow Creek Baptist Association convened pursuant to adjournment, at the Fellowship Baptist Church, Lamar county, Alabama, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, the 3rd day of October, 1891. The introductory was delivered by Eld. A. W. Green, from latter clause of the 9th verse of the 20th chap. Rev., "Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the lamb's wife." After an intermission of one hour, for refreshments which were served on the ground, the delegates reassembled in the church-house with the former Moderator and Clerk.

The Moderator called the body to order, and offered prayer. The letters were then called for and read by brethren J. A. Armstrong and S. V. Waldrop, and the names of delegates enrolled. (See Statistical Table.)

The Moderator appointed brothers A. A. Gray and C. D. Stewart to preach at the stand at 2 o'clock p. m.

The delegates proceeded to a permanent organization by the election of officers for the ensuing year, brethren J. F. Holliman and G. W. Allen acting as tellers, who reported Eld. N. J. Dyer, Moderator; E. B. Guin, Clerk, and S. M. Waldrop, Corresponding Secretary. The Moderator called for petitionary letters. None.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees, to-wit;

On Devotion: B. McDaniel, T. E. McGill, M. P. Poor, with the deacons of Fellowship Church.

On Arrangements: J. A. Armstrong, N. J. Morrison and O. H. K. Duke.

On Documents: W. C. Woods, A. W. Green and L. C. V. Harrison.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons: W. C. Woods, T. J. Ray and O. H. K. Duke.

On Finance: J. B. Hulsey, J. C. Bowland and B. Shackelford.

On Nominations: J. B. Hankins, J. T. Green, M. Trim.

On Ministerial Education: S. M. Waldrop, J. J. Weeks and A. J. Mayes.

On Sabbath Schools: A. W. Green, J. N. Ward and A. A. Hill.

On Temperance: P. M. Woods, J. R. Baker and T. J. Berryhill.

On Digest of Church Letters: J. A. Trim, W. J. Kirk and W. J. Cunningham.

On Missions: J. R. Baker, P. M. Woods, J. A. Armstrong, J. A. Trim and T. B. Pope.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed on Literature: S. M. Waldrop, W. D. Williams and D. H. Rasberry.

On motion, adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Eld. J. R. Baker.

SABBATH, Oct. 4th, 1891.—At 10 a. m. a very large congregation assembled at the stand, and according to the arrangements of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, Eld. N. J. Dyer preached from the 1st verse of the 3rd chap. of Malachi, "And the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple," followed by Eld. A. J. Mayes. A public collection was taken up for sister Virginia A. Rainwater amounting to \$24.50 to enable her to buy a horse.

Eld. A. Pennington preached at 2 o'clock p. m. followed by Eld. J. F. Willis of the New River Association.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Monday, October the 5th, 1891, the Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator, who then announced the body in order for business. Called for reports of committees, which were handed in. On Arrangements, report read and adopted.

"We, your Committee on Documents, recommend the same order of business as set forth in last year's minutes. Respectfully submitted, J. A. ARMSTRONG, Ch'n.

Called for the report of Committee on Documents:

We, your Committee on Documents, find nothing in the letters from the different churches claiming our attention. W. C. Woods, Ch'n.

Called for reports from District Meetings:

First District Meeting will convene with South Carolina Church on Friday before the 1st Sunday in August, 1892. Eld. A. Pennington to preach the introductory; S. M. Waldrop, alternate. First subject for discussion: "What is the duty of the Church to her young converts?" Opened J. W. Peters, Friday p. m. 2nd. "What is the duty of the Church to her pastor, and the pastor to the Church?" Opened by J. R. Baker, Saturday a. m. 3rd. "What is missionary work?" Opened by A. Pennington, Saturday afternoon.

Second District will convene with Bethel church, Ma-

rion county, on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in Aug., 1892; brother A. A. Gray to preach the introductory sermon; J. A. Trim, alternate. The next session of the Association to convene with Zion Church, on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1892.

R. SHIREY, Clerk.

Called for report of Deceased Ministers and Deacons. Report read and adopted, and is as follows: "We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to report that we have lost one minister since our last session—our beloved Bro. E. Chaffin of Antioch church, who departed this life July 10th, 1891. Also, two deacons, brothers W. B. Harbin of Pleasant Ridge church, and I. T. Foster of Bethabara church. All of which is respectfully submitted, W. J. KIRK, Ch'n.

Called for the Treasurer's report. Report read and adopted, and the Treasurer retained for another year:

To the Yellow Creek Baptist Association: The undersigned respectfully submits the following as his report for the past Associational year, to-wit:

Received from Finance Committee,	\$31.20
" W. G. Middleton, ex-Tres'r,	9.45
Paid for printing Minutes,	20.00
Rec'd for two years service as Clerk,	16.00
Leaving balance on hand of	\$ 4.65

Respectfully submitted, E. B. GUIN, Treas'r.

Committee on Nominations reported the following, which was adopted:

"Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report Eld. N. J. Dyer to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the Association, J. W. Peters, alternate.

Respectfully submitted. W. B. HANKINS, Ch'n.

Called for report of Committee on Ministerial Education. Report read and adopted:

"We your Committee on Ministerial Education report that we realize the necessity of having a better educational system; and for the present we heartily recommend, and urgently press upon each delegate of this Association to earnestly work for the better payment of our ministers, so as to enable them to devote more of their time in the development of their mental powers, with regard to their ministerial labors. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WEEKS, Ch'n.

The Moderator called for correspondence from different Associations:

From New River—Eld. J. F. Willis and brethren V. A. Taylor and D. J. Ballenger.

Returned correspondence as follows:

To New River Association: Eld. S. M. Waldrop, C. D. Stewart, Eld. W. C. Woods, O. L. Corbett, W. D. Hankins and E. B. Guin,

To Sipsey Association: Elds. N. J. Dyer, A. J. Mayes, J. A. Andrews, brethren W. A. Palmer, J. A. Trim, O. H. K. Duke and D. H. Rasberry.

To Clear Creek Association; A. A. Gay, W. T. Caudle, and H. Cagle.

Called for report of Committee on Finance. Report read and adopted:

“We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report. We find the aggregate amount received of the churches for minute funds and Associational purposes, \$31.10.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. HULSEY, Ch'n.

Called for report of Committee on Sabbath Schools, which was read and, on motion, amended and adopted as amended: “We, your committee, submit the following report.—We find some of the churches have Sabbath Schools, or Bible classes. We recommend that all the churches have Sabbath Schools, or Bible Classes.

Respectfully submitted, A. W. GREEN, Ch'n.

Called for report of Committee on Temperance, which report after being read and amended, was adopted as follows: “Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that, we recommend total abstinence from the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage, and we recommend the churches to withdraw from any brother who deals in the same.

P. M. Woods, Ch'n,

Adjourned for refreshments, one hour.

EVENING SESSION.—The Association met pursuant to adjournment and, after being called to order, a motion prevailed that each member be limited to five minutes in speeches.

Called for report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters, which was read and adopted: “We your committee beg leave to report—*South Carolina*: All in peace. *Bethabara*: Blessed with a revival. *Mt. Zion*: In a cold condition spiritually. *Spring Hill*: In a cold condition;

craves an interest in your prayers. *Antioch*: All in peace and hormony. *Mulberry Springs*: In a prosperous condition and desires your prayers. *Liberty*: Remember us in your prayers. *Friendship*: All in peace. *Blooming Grove*: We hope we will get your prayers. *Little Rock*: We are all in peace. *Bethel*, Fayette Co.; We have had a revival with some additions. *Salem*: Have had some trouble but have come together again as brethren in Christ, and ask an interest in your prayers. *Fellowship*: Have had several additions to the church this year.—*Shiloh*: Nothing of interest to write except that we have had a prosperous Sabbath School. *Pleasant Ridge*: Have enjoyed some good meetings this year and are in christian love. *Bethel*, Marion Co.; Nothing mentioned about the condition of the church. *Union Chapel*: Nothing of a cheering nature to write. *Lore Joy*: We have had one lovely meeting with several additions to the church.

JAMES A. TRIM, Ch'n.

Called for report of Committee on Missions. Report read and adopted: "We, your Committee on Missionary Work, beg leave to submit the following report: We believe it would be best to drop our Missionary work as has been carried on in the past, and that the churches pay their respective pastors enough to allow them more of their time to devote to the destitute places in the bounds of this Association, that may be pointed out to them by any of the churches they have in their charge. We desire to try this plan one year at least.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. BAKER, Ch'n.

Called for report of Evangelist, which was read and adopted:

FAYETTE COUNTY, ALA., Sept, 30, 1891,
To the Executive Board of the Yellow Creek Baptist
Association—Greeting:

Dear Brethren—In compliance with the duty enjoined upon me by the Yellow Creek Baptist Association, in her last session, I have devoted five and a half months to services in the field assigned to me as Evangelist; during which time I have labored faithfully. And, dear brethren, I find that in our bounds and on our borders the destitution is so great that it would require the whole time of two Evangelists to do the work, and you, the lovers of Christ and his Word; should double your diligence and withhold nothing from the spread of the Gospel of the Son of God. Respectfully submitted,

N. J. DYER, Missionary.

Called for report of Executive Board, which was read and adopted: "We, your Executive Board, beg leave to submit the following report: That in compliance with the duties enjoined upon us by the last Association, we have employed Bro. N. J. Dyer as evangelist during the present year to ride in the bounds of the Yellow Creek Association, and that we have kept him in the field for a term of five and a half months, at a compensation of \$25.00 per month. We have collected from all sources \$137.60, which amount we have turned over to Bro. Dyer. We respectfully submit this as our report, and now ask to be discharged.

J. T. ALLEN.
J. C. MADDOX.

On motion, the same Executive Board was retained for another year.

Called for report of Committee on Literature, which was read and adopted: "We, your Committee on Literature, submit the following report. We advise a more devotional study of the Bible, and as literature we recommend "The Baptist and Reflector," and "The American Baptist" as being sound; and we advise our brethren to beware of "Stumbling Stone" and "Zion Watch Tower." All such publications we regard as being spurious and dangerous.

S. M. WALDROP, Ch'n.

Called for Miscellaneous Business:

A motion was made to dispense with the Executive Board. Motion lost.

On motion Bro. N. J. Dyer was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to have 500 copies of Minutes printed, including the Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum; retain \$8.00 for his services, reserve 50 copies of Minutes for correspondence, and turn over the balance of the fund, if any, to the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body are due, and are hereby tendered to, the brethren and sisters of Fellowship Church, and the citizens of this vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay among them.

On motion, the Minutes were read and approved, the names of delegates called and absentees erased.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Zion Baptist Church, Marion county, Ala., 2 miles north-

west of Winfield, Ala., at 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, A. D., 1892. Prayer by Elder S. M. Waldrop, then sung an appropriate hymn and took the parting hand.

N. J. DYER, Moderator.

E. B. GUIN, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1st. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who on producing letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2d. This Association shall be known by the name of the Yellow Creek Baptist Association, and it shall have the privilege of carrying out missionary operations according to the scriptural plan of conducting missions. Yet so that the members are left free, and that giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

Art. 3d. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our Union, nor infringe any of their internal rights; but shall merely be considered an advisory council, in all matters relative to their internal concerns; nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of procedure, namely: If one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction, if she shall fail of success, she shall call the aid of two or more churches in our Union, to assist in laboring for satisfaction, and if final satisfaction be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which upon due labor cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches, to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation be not effected, by helps so called, the church may bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon according to its merit; but the Association will take cognizance of no case of the above kind, unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline, found in the 8th chapter of Matthew and other parts of the Scriptures, which define the nature of offences, and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

Art. 4th. The principal business of this Association will be to endeavor to promote harmony in the churches composing it, and the Associations or Deliberative bodies with which it may correspond, and in general to dispense such gospel truths as may tend to root out error and promote the declarative glory of God.

Art. 5th. The delegates shall produce to the Association letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment as delegates, and also, containing a statistical table of their respective churches.

Art. 6th. Every ordained minister of the Association is a standing delegate to the Association, and each church is entitled to three delegates besides her ministers.

Art. 7th. New churches may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters, if upon due examination they are found orderly and orthodox, and the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving the delegates the right hand in token of fellowship.

Art. 8th. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 9th. At every session of the Association a Moderator and

Clerk shall be chosen by and from the delegates present who shall serve until successors are elected.

Art. 10th. The Association admits the right of any one of the churches composing it to withdraw at any time from the body without assigning any reason for so doing, but she claims the power to withdraw from and disown any church which departs from the principles of this compact, by becoming either heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice, and the Association shall have power to drop from her union, after due labor, any church that fails to represent herself in the Association for two successive years.

Art. 11. Every query sent by a particular church must be enclosed in her letter.

Art. 12th. This Association may have a fund to be raised by the voluntary contributions of the churches or individuals, which fund shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and paid out by order of the Moderator at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 13th. The Association shall elect a Treasurer annually, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the Associational fund, and pay out the same agreeable to order, and make at every session a fair and full report of all moneys thus received—the expenditures and the surplus on hand if there be any, which report shall be ordered upon the Minutes.

Art. 14th. The Association shall not adjourn any session until it shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

Art. 15th. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of every session of this body, and upon a change of officers the late Clerk shall deliver such file to his successor.

Art. 16th. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of this body by a majority of the votes of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be elected by ballot, who shall serve one year.
3. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order and shall have the right to call to order at any time.
4. A member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and on obtaining permission, proceed.
6. The Moderator, when addressed for permission to speak shall signify his assent by naming the person or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.
9. Every case taken up by the Association shall be acted upon, or withdrawn before another shall be offered.
10. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for discussion, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association in such mode as he may determine, and he shall announce the decision of the body immediately.
11. No member shall speak but once upon the same proposition, till every member wishing to speak shall have spoken, and not more than twice, without leave of the Association, nor shall

any proposition be made to close the discussion until the discussion shall have been carried through.

12. The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association by members in their addresses to one another.

13. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. Any member having to retire, shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege in discussion as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to appoint all committees for the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth; and He is triune in His nature, and revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the universal corruption of human nature, and the incapacity of man to recover himself of his own free will and ability.

4. We believe in the doctrine of election, according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience; and that God chose His people in Christ, before the foundation of the world.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God solely through the redemption and righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that God's Elect shall be called, regenerated and justified by the Holy Spirit.

7. We believe that the Saints shall be preserved in Grace; and kept by the power of God, and not one of them shall be finally lost.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism; and that immersion in water is the Apostolic and only mode.

9. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who is regularly baptised, called and has come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

10. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

12. We believe that Jesus Christ authorized and organized the Baptist Christians while he was here upon this earth; and that the baptism of John, the Kingdom he preached, and the Baptists, his successors as to organization, were from Heaven; and that there has been a regular succession of Baptists until now, which have preserved pure the doctrines of the Gospel through all ages; and the gates of Hell never has, nor never shall successfully prevail against them.

Received of E. B. Guin \$15.00 for printing 500 copies of these Minutes. J. B. JONES.

R. J. S. Owing to sickness of the family of Publisher the printing of these Minutes has been delayed several weeks. R. J. SMITH, Printer

STATISTICAL TABLE OF YELLOW CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS.			Post Office.	Church Clerks.	Post Office.
		Post Office.	Clerks.	Post Office.			
South Carolina,.....	L C V Harrison	A. Pennington.....	L C V Harrison	Highloga.....	L C V Harrison	Highloga.....	Highloga.....
Bethabara	J A Andrews, S M Waldrop, E C Estes,.....	A. Pennington.....	S V. Waltrip	Highloga.....	4	3	1
It Zion	W D Williams, B McDaniel	A. Draper.....	W D Williams	Highloga.....	2	0	1
Walnut Grove,.....	T S Cole.....	J. Wootten.....	E F Ya. brough	Highloga.....	0	3	3
Yellowship,.....	G K Thomas, W E Jafkins, J W Woods.....	A. Pennington.....	W B Thomas.....	Vernon.....	0	0	0
Millboro,.....	W C Woods, P M Woods, R W Walker.....	W C Woods.....	T M Woods.....	Vernon.....	0	0	0
Joining Grove,.....	N J Dyer, N J Morrison, A S Smith.....	J. F. Willis.....	W D Hankins, Blow Horn	Highloga.....	9 4 2	2	1
Friendship,.....	J R Baker	A. Pennington.....	J W Thomas.....	Blow Horn	3 5 2	1	2
Leasont Ridge,.....	D H Basberry, T E McGill	W. C. Woods.....	Vernon.....	Blow Horn	6 1 2	3	1
Vernon,.....	Not represented	J. P. Dickinson.....	J F Peeler	Blow Horn	6 1 2	3	1
Bethel, Fayette co,.....	J N Ward, C D Stewart.....	Fayette City	J H Barnes.....	Blow Horn	6 1 2	3	1
Antioch,.....	W J Kirk, J A Trim, M Trim	W C Woods.....	Vernon	Blow Horn	6 1 2	3	1
Spring Hill,.....	T J Ray, M P Poor,.....	J F Willis.....	Fayette City	Blow Horn	9 1 0	0	1
Mulberry Springs,.....	A A Hill, J S Todd, J A Armstrong,.....	W C Woods.....	S R Langston	Blow Horn	0 2 6	1	1
Love Joy,.....	J H Smith, J C Smith, D H Robertson	N J Dyer.....	J A Armstrong	Blow Horn	30 1 25	0	2
Union Chapel,.....	J J Weeks, W O Minor, A J Mayes	J. Taylor.....	W R Robertson	Moscow	4 2 1	0	0
Green Springs,.....	A A Gay, J T Green, W B Pope	A. A. Gay	J J Weeks.....	Guin	0 0 0	0	1
Pleasant Grove,.....	A W Green, J B Hulsey, J N Cantrel,.....	A. W. Green.....	Pearey Mills	Pearey Mills	3 0 0	0	0
Zion,.....	T J Berryhill, J C Bowlan, E B Guin	A. W. Green.....	W. W. Wilson	W. W. Wilson	19 5 0	0	1
Liberty,.....	O H K Duke	A. W. Green.....	W B Moses	W B Moses	63 2 20	3	3
Bethel, Marion co,.....	H Cagle, J M Birmingham,.....	A. J. Mayes	W S Bowlan	Guin	0 1 0	0	1
Salien,.....	W A Palmer	A. W. Green	T J Duke	Detroit	0 1 0	0	1
Little Rock,.....	J M Cagle, W T Cagle	A. J. Mayes	Crews	Crews	34 30	2	2
			A. W. Green	Pearces Mill	3 2 0	0	0
			A. P. Young	Grews	3 1 60	3	3
			A. J. Mayes	J M Cagle	37 1 60	3	3
			J. Taylor		21 75 2	2	2

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